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## **Falls Church City to Celebrate International Building Safety Week**

**May 6-12, 2007**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church is celebrating May 6-12 as International Building Safety Week, a time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and code enforcement professionals play in protecting lives and property. The City joins Fairfax County, Arlington County, the Town of Herndon, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Alexandria in a community outreach program to further this worldwide public awareness campaign.

On Friday, May 4 at 8 a.m., City officials will attend a breakfast presentation on “Building Smarter...for Disasters and Everyday Life” – the theme of Building Safety Week 2007. The event will be attended by building, fire, zoning, and health officials from all six jurisdictions, the press, architects, engineers, community leaders, and leaders of local trade associations. The free breakfast will be held at the City of Fairfax City Hall, located at 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax, VA 22030. Call Patrick Nnaji of the Fairfax County Commercial Inspections Division at 703-324-1910 for more information.

On Saturday May 5 and Sunday May 6, engineers and inspectors from the six jurisdictions will staff information booths at store entrances in several building supply stores, including the Home Depot in the Seven Corners section of Fairfax County (3201 Arlington Blvd.). Customers and visitors will have an opportunity to ask building code and safety related questions. Building equipment and safety appliances, such as carbon monoxide alarms, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and radon test kits, will be displayed. Information brochures on building and elevator safety and the permitting process will be available to all visitors. Information brochures will also be available at Brown's Hardware (100 W. Broad St.) in the City of Falls Church.

The City of Falls Church is a member of the International Code Council (ICC), an association that develops the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation. The ICC sponsors International Building Safety Week.

Additional information on building codes, fire and deck safety tips, and building green are available at [www.fallschurchva.gov/buildingsafety.html](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/buildingsafety.html).

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